

HO-1013

Arma Gardner House
7948 Old Jessup Road
Private

Description:

The Arma Gardner House is located on the southwest side of the road and faces northeast, toward the road. It is a 2 ½-story, two-bay by three-bay frame structure with a brick foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge. There is a cross-gable in the center bay with a northwest-southeast ridge. The northeast elevation has a modern metal six-panel door in the north bay and a one-over-one sash in the east bay. There is a two-bay porch with three square wood columns and a hipped roof with asphalt shingles. The gable end has a small lancet sash with two lights. There is a wood box cornice with returns. On the northwest elevation the center bay is recessed slightly back of the north bay and has a cross-gable. There is a pressure-treated wood deck and stairway off of the second story. The west bay is recessed even further back from the center bay. The southeast elevation has a two-story, three-sided bay window in the center, topped by the cross-gable roof.

Significance:

In 1907 brothers Joshua, John, and George Gardner sold a one-acre lot in Jessup to their sister, Arma, who would never marry, for \$100. Arma Gardner built this house for herself at that time. In the period c. 1890-1915 one nationally popular type of dwelling was a two- or 2 ½-story structure with the gable end set toward the street. Of a type dubbed by Alan Gowans a Homestead Temple house, it was available as a kit from companies like Sears or Radford, and could have easily been delivered to Jessup on the B. & O. Railroad. Local carpenters also copied these buildings without benefit of pre-cut parts, however, and which route Arma Gardner took is not known. Her house is perhaps most significant in its illustration of an unmarried woman's strategy, and ability, to live independently.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Arma Gardner House

other

2. Location

street and number 7948 Old Jessup Road not for publication

city, town Jessup vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name LT & Co. Partnership

street and number 7948 Old Jessup Road

telephone

city, town Jessup

state MD

zip code 20794

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 3468 folio 495

city, town Ellicott City tax map 43 tax parcel 419 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			Resource Count
			Contributing Noncontributing
			1 1 buildings
			0 0 sites
			0 0 structures
			0 0 objects
			1 1 Total
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Arma Gardner House is located at 7948 Old Jessup Road, in Jessup, in eastern Howard County, Maryland. The house is located on the southwest side of the road and faces northeast, toward the road. It is a 2 ½-story, two-bay by three-bay frame structure with a brick foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge. There is a cross-gable in the center bay with a northwest-southeast ridge. The northeast elevation has a modern metal six-panel door in the north bay and a one-over-one sash in the east bay. There is a two-bay porch with three square wood columns and a hipped roof with asphalt shingles. The second story has two one-over-one sash, and the gable end has a small lancet sash with two lights. There is a wood box cornice with returns. On the northwest elevation the north bay has paired one-over-one sash on the first story and no opening on the second story. The center bay is recessed slightly back of the north bay and has a one-over-one sash on the first story, a modern metal six-panel door in the second story, and no opening in the end of the cross-gable. There is a pressure-treated wood deck and stairway off of the second story. The west bay is recessed even further back from the center bay, and has no opening on the first story and a one-over-one sash on the second story. The southwest elevation has no openings. The southeast elevation has a three-sided bay window in the center, topped by the cross-gable roof, and there is a one-over-one sash in each side on both stories. Both the south and east elevations have a one-over-one sash on each story. There is one-bay by one-bay, frame cellar entrance enclosure in the south bay, with a shallow gable roof that has asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Summary:

In 1907 brothers Joshua, John, and George Gardner sold a one-acre lot in Jessup to their sister, Arma, who would never marry, for \$100. Arma Gardner built this house for herself at that time. In the period c. 1890-1915 one nationally popular type of dwelling was a two- or 2 ½-story structure with the gable end set toward the street. Of a type dubbed by Alan Gowans a Homestead Temple house, it was available as a kit from companies like Sears or Radford, and could have easily been delivered to Jessup on the B. & O. Railroad. Local carpenters also copied these buildings without benefit of pre-cut parts, however, and which route Arma Gardner took is not known. Her house is perhaps most significant in its illustration of an unmarried woman's strategy, and ability, to live independently.

Significance:

When William Gardner died in 1896 he owned two farms, "Waterloo" and "Shamrock," and a business located on 29 ¼ acres at Jessup. The business was operated in conjunction with Gardner's three sons, Joshua, John, and George, and in 1899 they acquired full title in all three properties from their mother, Susan, and their two sisters, Arma Gardner and Annie Hawkins. In 1907 the three brothers sold a one-acre lot in Jessup to Arma, who would never marry, for \$100. She likely had lived with her parents, and then with her widowed mother. Presumably her mother had died and, having the means to, Arma Gardner built this house for herself. In the period c. 1890-1915 one nationally popular type of dwelling was a two- or 2 ½-story structure with the gable end set toward the street. These were often two bays wide, with a third bay set back from the front of the house, where the front door was located, and a porch across the front that wrapped around to the entrance. These houses would have a cross-gable and often bay windows on one or both sides. Arma Gardner's house seems to be a smaller version of this house type, eschewing the third, recessed bay and placing the entrance on the front close to the street. Since she was a spinster, a smaller house such as this would have been sufficient for her needs. Nonetheless, this house can hardly be considered small. Of a type dubbed by Alan Gowans a Homestead Temple house, it was available as a kit from companies like Sears or Radford, and could

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¹ Alan Gowans, *The Comfortable House: North American Suburban Architecture, 1890-1930*. (Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 1986), pp. 94-98.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .86 A
Acreage of historical setting .86 A
Quadrangle name Savage

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the property lines for tax map 43, parcel 419, which encompasses all of the historic structures on the property.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	February 2010
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	Maryland

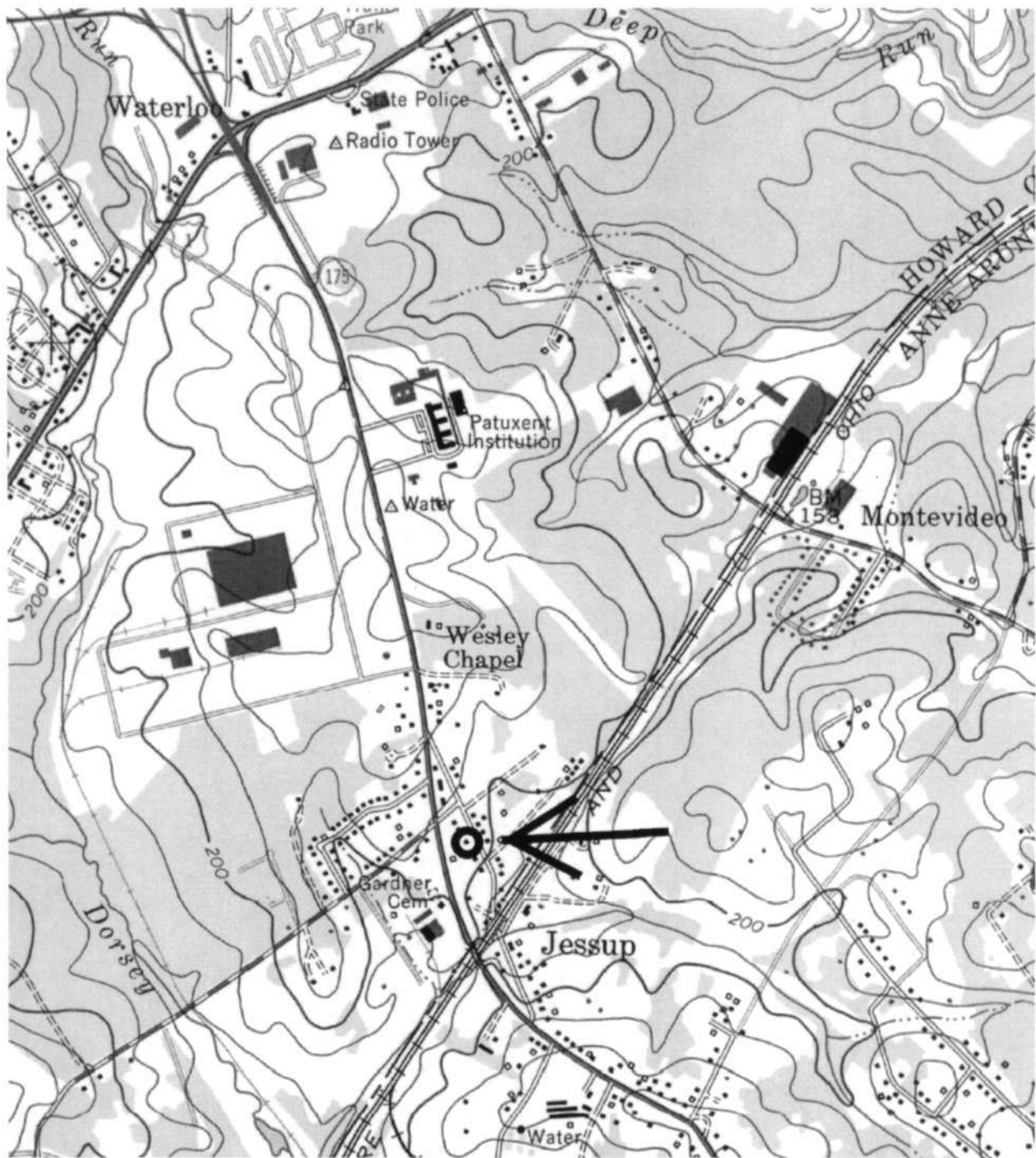
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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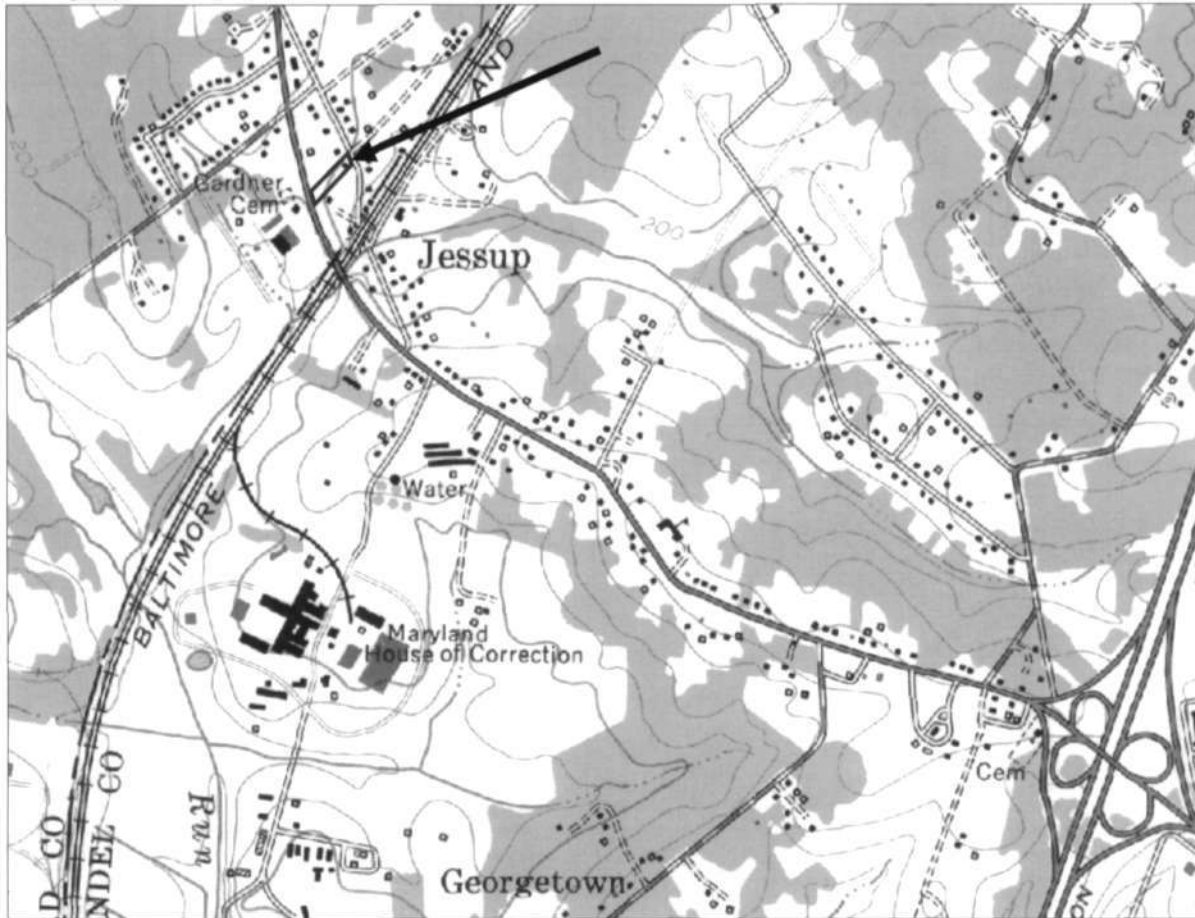
GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSID- ER-ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Katherine Irene Elkins, pers. rep of Luther Elkins/ P.G. Co.	LTJ & Co. Partnership/MD	2/20/1995	MDR 3468-495	Confirm. Deed – Fee Simple	\$0	1. 37,619 sq. ft. 2. 41,588 sq. ft.	L.E. Dec'd 4/28/1990 L.M.C. d. 5/16/1958 S.J.W. sole heir
Sarah J. Wallace, surviving joint tenant/?	Luther Elkins Timothy Ray Hazard/?	5/7/1981	CMP 1053-518	Deed – Fee Simple	\$79,192	1. 37,619 sq. ft. 2. 41,588 sq. ft.	
Dana H. & Blanche D. Heck, (H/W)/Howard Laurel Building Assoc. of P.G. Co. Nannie Sanders Gardner	Lillie Mae Chance Sarah J. Wallace (d/o LMC)	10/14/1949	MWB 213-483	Deed – Fee Simple	\$5.00	1.038 A.	Building Association & Gardner held mortgages 1.
John E. & Nancy Virginia Garner (H/W) Annie G. Hawkins, widow George B. & Lillie Gardner (H/W)/Howard	Edward B. Chance & Lillie M. (H/W)/ Howard	3/31/1922	HBN 115-185	Deed – Fee Simple	\$10.00	1 A.	A.C.G. dec'd. grantors are only heirs 2.
Joshua A. Gardner John E. Gardner George B. & Lillie S. Gardner (H/W)/?	Arma C. Gardner/?	4/19/1907	WWLC 84-42	Deed – Fee Simple	\$100	1 A.	Lot 2 on plat in deed fr. James Mackubbin, assignee to William Gardner et al. Third in deed 70-479 2.
Susan A. Gardner, widow Arma C. Gardner/Howard Annie & James Hawkins/Balto. City	Joshua A. Gardner John E. Garner George B. Gardner/ Howard	7/4/1899	JHO 70-479	Deed – ?	\$1.00	A. 403-1-3 ARP B. 154-0-18 ARP C. 29 ¼ A.	William L. Gardner d. 1896 all parties are heirs 2 tracts "Waterloo" & "Shamrock" & partner with grantees in 3 rd tract trading as WL Gardner & Sons C. 6 th dist. 2.
James Mackubbin. Assignee	William L. Gardner	6/20/1894	JHO 61-592				2. c.
Nannie Sanders Gardner (Nancy) widow William & Marion S. Gardner (H/W)/Howard	Dana H. & Blanche D. Heck (H/W)/?	11/26/1947	MWB 201-455	Deed – Fee Simple	\$5.00	29 ¼ A.	-B&O right of way -1-1-13 ARP to Hanson 1905 -1 A to Arma Garner, 1907 -Land to State rds., 1941 -23.62 A. to Ehrhardt & May, 1941 -Private graveyard on west side of road 1.
Joshua Anderson	Edward T. Anderson	3/24/1881	LJW 43-202				1.
John E. Gardner	Nannie Sanders Gardner – for life, remainder to William L. Gardner	11/10/1928	Wills RLP 7-414	Bequest			1.



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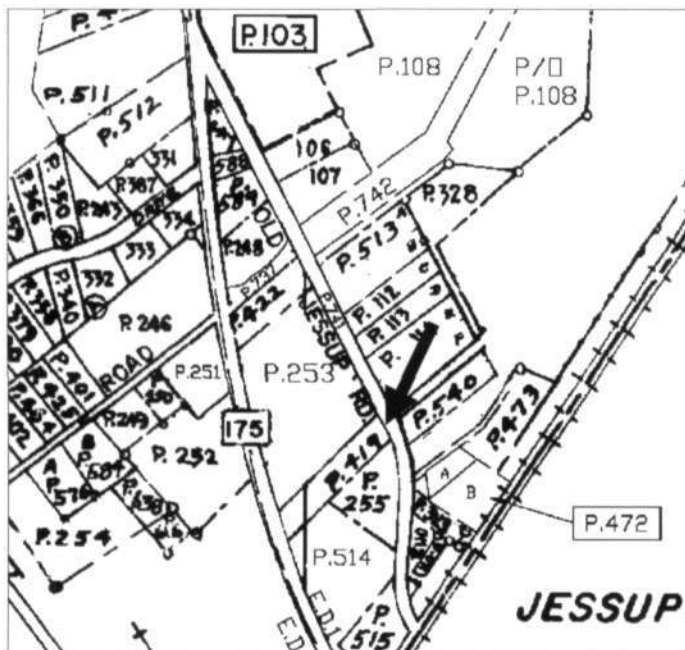
7948 Old Jessup Road
Savage quad

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 Arma Gardner House
 7948 Old Jessup Road, Jessup
 Savage quad 1957, Photorevised 1966 and 1974



Tax Map 43, Parcel 419

National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2007-08



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Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Northeast & northwest elevations

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Southeast & northeast elevations



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